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Security Council

Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011, will take place on Monday, 2 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible,* their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

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General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on all outstanding issues

4–7 p.m. . . . . 30th meeting 🎥 . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

1. Action on all items
2. Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly

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General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters, including the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure, draft final documents, background documentation, and nominations for President and Secretary-General of the Conference . . . . . [10]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters, including the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure, draft final documents, background documentation, and nominations for President and Secretary-General of the Conference . . . . . [10]

Other matters . . . . . [11]

Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee . . . . . [12]

[Official documents, background information and other materials for the Preparatory Committee can be found at <www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/>.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Executive meeting
2. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
3. Executive meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2881st meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)
Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant . . [10]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2882nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)
Organizational and other matters . . . . . [4]
Working methods

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

First round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document

The Preparatory Committee will continue its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document *today*, 23 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document and the schedule of subsequent consultations are available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* to consult the preliminary list of side events.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 23 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Friday, 23 March 2012

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Other activities

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Friday, 23 March 2012

UNITAR forum on "Opportunities and challenges for a green economy"

From 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Twelfth Infopoverty World Conference on "Who drives the digital revolution? Development through innovation" (co-organized by the United Nations Office for Partnerships, the Observatory for Cultural and Audiovisual Communication, the European Parliament Information Office, the European Commission Office in Milan and the Infopoverty Institute, University of Oklahoma)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Elena Pasqualini (e-mail guest6u@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1000).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

DPI/NGO briefing on "The transatlantic slave trade: Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors"

From 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor, DPI (e-mail sainte@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Friday, 23 March 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

11 a.m.	Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, Chair of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria; Mr. Yakin Ertürk and Ms. Karen Koning AbuZayd, members of the Commission [*Moderator*: Ms. Margaret Novicki, Department of Public Information (DPI)] (to discuss the Commission's work and the latest human rights situation in Syria)
12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
12.15 p.m.	Mr. Abou Moussa, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Central Africa and Head of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa; Mr. Francisco Caetano José Madeira, Special Envoy of the African Union for the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) Issue; and Major-General Adrian J. Foster, Deputy Force Commander of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) (via videolink) (on an expert meeting responsible for finalizing the regional strategy to address the LRA)

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 26 March 2012

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

3 p.m. . . . . 103rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade . . . . . [119]

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

3 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Report of the Secretary-General (A/66/730)

[A letter from President of the General Assembly, dated 8 March 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities

Briefing

The Ombudsperson of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, Ms. Kimberly Prost, will hold an open briefing for interested Member States, on Thursday, 29 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

At the briefing, the Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office after twenty months of operation, and she will also describe the implementations of the new aspects of her mandate, which were strengthened, pursuant to the adoption of Security Council resolution 1989 (2011).

The Ombudsperson looks forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Third intersessional meeting

The third open-ended informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held on Monday, 26, and Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). As this meeting is an informal one, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and major groups are invited to attend. Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* to consult the preliminary list of side events.

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the third intersessional meeting in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices,

including tablets, to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal is available for delegations participating in the third intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category

Informal meeting

In accordance with General Assembly decision 66/553 of 22 December 2011, an informal meeting (closed) of the Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category, will take place on Monday, 26 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Background documentation for the Working Group, including a draft programme and issues note for this meeting, is available on the Web site of the UN-OHRLLS <www.unohrlls.org/en/ldc/916/>.

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation

Informal meeting

The Bureau of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation will hold an informal meeting on Monday, 26 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The purpose of the meeting is to brief Member States on the preparations for the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee (22–25 May 2012), especially on the draft framework of operational guidelines on South-South cooperation, and to seek their comments. As this meeting is being held on an informal basis, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Cosmas Gitta, secretariat of the High-level Committee (e-mail cosmas.gitta@undp.org).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 340th meeting on Tuesday, 27 March 2012, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). Ms. Hanan Ashrawi, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and member of the Palestinian Legislative *Council, will brief* on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and developments in the political process. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as interested non-governmental organizations, are invited to attend. The meeting will be open to the media.

Disarmament Commission
2012 substantive session

The 2012 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 April 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The Secretariat would appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Annual ministerial review global preparatory meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold a global preparatory meeting for the annual ministerial review (AMR) at the high-level segment of its 2012 substantive session, on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The Council will hear a keynote address by Professor Erik Brynjolfsson, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, followed by a presentation by Mr. José Antonio Alonso, member of the Committee on Development Policy, and Director, Complutense Institute of Foreign Studies (ICEI), and Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University of Madrid.

There will also be a panel discussion on "Promoting the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact". Panellists will include Mr. Aurelio Parisotto, Senior Economist, Policy Integration Department, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations, New York; Ms. Eve Crowley, Deputy Director, Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Mr. Degol Hailu, Senior Adviser, Poverty Practice, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Pio Wennubst, on behalf of the Chair, will be held on Wednesday 28 March 2012, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). The consultations will begin with a presentation of the Chair's draft resolution on the special theme of the forty-fifth session, followed by an orientation on the organization of the negotiation process. The floor will be open for general comments from delegates on these matters.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 18 April 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 2 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: adolescents and youth), will be held from Monday, 23, to Wednesday, 25 April 2012. The speakers list will be opened in the week beginning Monday, 26 March.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-sixth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Informal consultations

Open-ended informal consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Peter Woolcott, Chair-designate of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, will take place on Wednesday, 28 March 2012, in Conference Room B (NLB), with representatives of the States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (*at the ambassadorial level*), as follows:

Group of Non-Aligned States parties (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.);

Group of Western European and other States parties (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.); and

Group of Eastern European States parties (from 4.30 to 6 p.m.).

The consultations are open to all States parties. For further information, please contact Ms. Claire Elias, Permanent Mission of Australia (e-mail claire.elias@dfat.gov.au; tel. 1 (212) 351-6622); or Mr. Michael Spies, Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail spiesm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3472).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 26 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (informal meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) (on State to State, State to investor, and commercial arbitration; and the procedures and implications involved)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia: Working Group 4 (under the chairmanship of Egypt)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 3 (NLB)*.

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (eleventh plenary meeting) (under the chairmanship of the United Arab Emirates)

Thursday, 29 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Meeting on "The mountain agenda and Rio+20" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nepal, in cooperation with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS))

Monday, 26 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Dilli Acharya, Permanent Mission of Nepal (e-mail dpacharya@hotmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 371-2748).]

Launch of the UNESCO *World Atlas of Gender Equality in Education* (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 9 to 10.15 a.m., in the UNESCO Conference Room (DC2-900).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Olivia Scaramuzza, UNESCO New York Office (e-mail o.scaramuzza@unesco.org); and for media inquiries, Ms. Suzanne Bilello (e-mail bilello@un.org).]

UNITAR seminar on "Outlook for the 2012 NPT Preparatory Committee" (organized in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Australia and Egypt)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Egypt (304 East 44th Street).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Women's International Forum on "From the current crises to possible futures" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

Panel discussion on "The freedom of expression and the Human Rights Committee's general comment No. 34 (CCPR/C/GC/34)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Kenya, the Netherlands and Uruguay)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roos Petersen, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail roos.petersen@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9609).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

Opening of an exhibit and cultural event

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 6 to 8.30 p.m., in the Main Gallery, Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat Building.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jan Arnesen, DPI (e-mail arnesen@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8531); or Ms. Maria Felisa Wichmann, DPI (e-mail wichmann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0089).]

Screening of the film "Slavery by another name: The re-enslavement of black people in America from the Civil War to World War II"

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 6.30 to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Geraldine Harris Adams, DPI (e-mail adamsg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6981).]

Global student videoconference

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Monday, 2, and Tuesday 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr.org).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 17 April 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012;

Thursday, 29 March 2012;

Tuesday, 24 April 2012; and

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 11 April 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 18 April 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 (*French)*.

Introduction to Electronic Resources (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 12 April 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 19 April 2012.

RSS Feeds (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012.

Social Networking 101: A User Guide to the United Nations Library's Social Media Tools (from 10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the

delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 22 March 2012

Security Council

6738th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2012/133)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2012/170, submitted by Germany.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2012/170) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2012/170) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2041(2012).

6739th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (S/2012/160)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to

vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Michael von der Schulenburg, Executive Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Guillermo Rishchynski, Chair of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission and Permanent Representative of Canada.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Michael von der Schulenburg and H.E. Mr. Guillermo Rishchynski.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Joseph B. Dauda, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

7th meeting

Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters, including the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure, draft final documents, background documentation, and nominations for President and Secretary-General of the Conference . . . . . [10]

The Chair drew the attention of the Preparatory Committee to the draft report of the Committee, as contained in document A/CONF.192/2012/PC/L.2.

The Chair suspended the meeting in order to give delegations time to consider the draft report.

The Chair resumed the meeting.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Sweden, Morocco, New Zealand, Egypt, Madagascar, Cuba, Switzerland, South Africa, Norway, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Indonesia and Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

8th meeting

Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters, including the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure, draft final documents, background documentation, and nominations for President and Secretary-General of the Conference . . . . . [10]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria, Indonesia, Algeria, Kenya, the Syrian Arab Republic, Norway, India, Morocco, Egypt, Rwanda, New Zealand, Mexico, Australia, Switzerland, Sweden, South Africa, Ghana and the United States.

A statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
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H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa

Asia-Pacific States:
Micronesia (Federated States of)
H.E. Mrs. Jane Chigiyal

Eastern European States:
Albania
H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Dessima Williams

Western European and other States:
San Marino
H.E. Mr. Daniele Bodini

Security Council

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

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Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

United Nations Treaty Collection
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<www.un.org/law/avl/>

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S/2012/165 Identical letters dated 16 March 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

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S/Agenda/6737 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

S/AC.49/2012/2 Note verbale dated 1 March 2012 from the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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Official meetings

Monday, 26 March 2012

Security Council

10 a.m.	6740th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. United Nations peacekeeping operations

Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

United Nations peacekeeping operations

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6740th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

3 p.m.	103rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade [119]

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011, will take place on Monday, 2 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An interactive dialogue on "Fighting human trafficking: Partnership and innovation to end violence against women and children" will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For further information, please contact Ms. Martina Dragovic, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail dragovic1@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2157).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Support account for peacekeeping operations
2. Executive Meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2883rd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2884th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant . . [10]

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
Third intersessional meeting

The third open-ended informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held on *Monday, 26 March*, and Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). As this meeting is an informal one, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and major groups are invited to attend. Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* to consult the preliminary list of side events.

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the third intersessional meeting in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal is available for delegations participating in the third intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).

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Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category
Informal meeting

In accordance with General Assembly decision 66/553 of 22 December 2011, an informal meeting (closed) of the Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category, will take place on *Monday, 26 March 2012*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). Background documentation for the Working Group, including a draft programme and issues note for this meeting, is available on the Web site of the UN-OHRLLS <www.unohrlls.org/en/ldc/916/>.

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Informal meeting

The Bureau of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation will hold an informal meeting on *Monday, 26 March 2012*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The purpose of the meeting is to brief Member States on the preparations for the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee (22–25 May 2012), especially on the draft framework of operational guidelines on South-South cooperation, and to seek their comments. As this meeting is being held on an informal basis, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Cosmas Gitta, secretariat of the High-level Committee (e-mail cosmas.gitta@undp.org).

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on *Monday, 26 March 2012*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Monday, 26 March 2012

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the consideration of the draft resolution entitled "Questions related to information")

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) (on State to State, State to investor, and commercial arbitration; and the procedures and implications involved)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Other activities

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Monday, 26 March 2012

Meeting on "The mountain agenda and Rio+20" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nepal, in cooperation with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Dilli Acharya, Permanent Mission of Nepal (e-mail dpacharya@hotmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 371-2748).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Monday, 26 March 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

10 a.m. . . . . Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD); and Ms. Leila Lopes, Miss Universe 2011 and UNCCD Drylands Ambassador (on moving to a land degradation neutral world)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest*: Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (on her recent mission to South Sudan)]

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Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

3 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Report of the Secretary-General (A/66/730)

[A letter from President of the General Assembly, dated 8 March 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities

Briefing

The Ombudsperson of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, Ms. Kimberly Prost, will hold an open briefing for interested Member States, on Thursday, 29 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

At the briefing, the Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office after twenty months of operation, and she will also describe the implementations of the new aspects of her mandate, which were strengthened, pursuant to the adoption of Security Council resolution 1989 (2011).

The Ombudsperson looks forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 340th meeting on Tuesday, 27 March 2012, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). Ms. Hanan Ashrawi, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, will brief on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and developments in the political process. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as interested non-governmental organizations, are invited to attend. The meeting will be open to the media.

Disarmament Commission
2012 substantive session

The 2012 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 April 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The Secretariat would appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Annual ministerial review global preparatory meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold a global preparatory meeting for the annual ministerial review (AMR) at the high-level segment of its 2012 substantive session, on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The Council will hear a keynote address by Professor Erik Brynjolfsson, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, followed by a presentation by Mr. José Antonio Alonso, member of the Committee on Development Policy, and Director, Complutense Institute of Foreign Studies (ICEI), and Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University of Madrid.

There will also be a panel discussion on "Promoting the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact". Panellists will include Mr. Aurelio Parisotto, Senior Economist, Policy Integration Department, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations, New York; Ms. Eve Crowley, Deputy Director, Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Mr. Degol Hailu, Senior Adviser, Poverty Practice, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Pio Wennubst, on behalf of the Chair, will be held on Wednesday 28 March 2012, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). The consultations will begin with a presentation of the Chair's draft resolution on the special theme of the forty-fifth session, followed by an orientation on the organization of the negotiation process. The floor will be open for general comments from delegates on these matters.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 18 April 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 2 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

The general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: adolescents and youth), will be held from Monday, 23, to Wednesday, 25 April 2012. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)), as of *Monday, 26 March*. In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *7 minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *10 minutes*. For general distribution of statements, delegations are requested to bring 200 copies to the conference officers in the room. A minimum of 30 copies is required for distribution to the interpreters, précis writers and the podium.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-sixth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Informal consultations

Open-ended informal consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Peter Woolcott, Chair-designate of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, will take place on Wednesday, 28 March 2012, in Conference Room B (NLB), with representatives of the States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (*at the ambassadorial level*), as follows:

Group of Non-Aligned States parties (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.);

Group of Western European and other States parties (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.); and

Group of Eastern European States parties (from 4.30 to 6 p.m.).

The consultations are open to all States parties. For further information, please contact Ms. Claire Elias, Permanent Mission of Australia (e-mail claire.elias@dfat.gov.au; tel. 1 (212) 351-6622); or Mr. Michael Spies, Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail spiesm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3472).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB); and

Thursday, 29 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (informal meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia: Working Group 4 (under the chairmanship of Egypt)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 3 (NLB)*.

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (eleventh plenary meeting) (under the chairmanship of the United Arab Emirates)

Thursday, 29 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Launch of the UNESCO *World Atlas of Gender Equality in Education* (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 9 to 10.15 a.m., *at the Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam (771 United Nations Plaza).*

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Olivia Scaramuzza, UNESCO New York Office (e-mail o.scaramuzza@unesco.org); and for media inquiries, Ms. Suzanne Bilello (e-mail bilello@un.org).]

UNITAR seminar on "Outlook for the 2012 NPT Preparatory Committee" (organized in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Australia and Egypt)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Egypt (304 East 44th Street).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Women's International Forum on "From the current crises to possible futures" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

Panel discussion on "The freedom of expression and the Human Rights Committee's general comment No. 34 (CCPR/C/GC/34)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Kenya, the Netherlands and Uruguay)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roos Petersen, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail roos.petersen@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9609).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

Opening of an exhibit and cultural event

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 6 to 8.30 p.m., in the Main Gallery, Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat Building.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jan Arnesen, DPI (e-mail arnesen@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8531); or Ms. Maria Felisa Wichmann, DPI (e-mail wichmann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0089).]

Screening of the film "Slavery by another name: The re-enslavement of black people in America from the Civil War to World War II"

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 6.30 to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Geraldine Harris Adams, DPI (e-mail adamsg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6981).]

Global student videoconference

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

Informational event on "The Dublin Outcome Document on the Strengthening of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Body System (November 2011)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Ireland, Morocco, Poland, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland, with the participation of the New York Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, and in collaboration with the University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Orla McBreen, Permanent Mission of Ireland (e-mail orla.mcbreen@dfa.ie; tel. 1 (212) 421-6934).]

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Monday, 2, and Tuesday 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr.org).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 17 April 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012;

Thursday, 29 March 2012;

Tuesday, 24 April 2012; and

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 11 April 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 18 April 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 *(French)*.

Introduction to Electronic Resources (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 12 April 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 19 April 2012.

RSS Feeds (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012.

Social Networking 101: A User Guide to the United Nations Library's Social Media Tools (from 10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the

Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 23 March 2012

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

9th meeting

Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters, including the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure, draft final documents, background documentation, and nominations for President and Secretary-General of the Conference . . . . . [10]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates (on behalf of the Arab Group), Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, the United States, Nigeria, Mexico, Pakistan, Japan, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), China, Norway, Switzerland, New Zealand, Kenya, South Africa, Burundi, India, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Finland, Indonesia, Egypt, France, Republic of Korea, Brazil, Cuba, Turkey, Canada, Australia, Niger, Colombia, Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, Italy, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Netherlands, Israel, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

10th meeting

Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters, including the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure, draft final documents, background documentation, and nominations for President and Secretary-General of the Conference . . . . . [10]

Statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, Nigeria, Kenya, Algeria, Belize (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee . . . . . [12]

The Preparatory Committee adopted its draft report, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the United Arab Emirates (on behalf of the Arab Group), Mexico, Morocco, Indonesia, Cuba, New Zealand, Kenya, Georgia and Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group).

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 10 December 2008

Signature: Ireland (23 March 2012)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Bulgaria (22 March 2012)[1]

Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Accession: Bulgaria (22 March 2012)[1]

Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. New York, 30 August 1961

Accession: Bulgaria (22 March 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Zimbabwe
H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa

Asia-Pacific States:
Micronesia (Federated States of)
H.E. Mrs. Jane Chigiyal

Eastern European States:
Albania
H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Dessima Williams

Western European and other States:
San Marino
H.E. Mr. Daniele Bodini

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Web site of the presidency

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Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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Department of Political Affairs
<www.un.org/depts/dpa>

Presidency of the Security Council
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

Security Council
<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

United Nations Treaty Collection
<http://treaties.un.org/>

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
<www.un.org/law/avl/>

Dag Hammarskjöld Library
<www.un.org/depts/dhl/>

International Court of Justice
<www.icj-cij.org/>

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<www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp>

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A/66/737	Item 146 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 — Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee [A C E F R S] — *8 pages*

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2012/168	Identical letters dated 20 March 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
S/2012/170	Germany: draft resolution [A C E F R S] — *15 pages*
S/Agenda/6738	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/Agenda/6739	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/PRST/2012/6*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
S/RES/2041 (2012)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6738th meeting, on 22 March 2012 [A C E F R S] — *15 pages*

Economic and Social Council

	Documents
	Substantive session of 2012
E/2012/14	Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda — Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation: reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the World Food Programme — Annual report of the World Food Programme for 2011 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *20 pages*
	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues **Eleventh session**
E/C.19/2012/6	Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Discussion on the special theme for the year: "The Doctrine of Discovery: its enduring impact on indigenous peoples and the right to redress for past conquests (articles 28 and 37 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)" — Combating violence against indigenous women and girls: article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples — Report of the international expert group meeting [A C E F R S] — *24 pages*

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Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6742nd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Middle East

Morning[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Middle East

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6742nd meeting.

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011, will take place on Monday, 2 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible,* their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An interactive dialogue on "Fighting human trafficking: Partnership and innovation to end violence against women and children" will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For further information, please contact Ms. Martina Dragovic, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail dragovic1@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2157).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

3 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Report of the Secretary-General (A/66/730)

[A letter from President of the General Assembly, dated 8 March 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. The President of the General Assembly will make an opening statement.]

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 340th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the Support Account; Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee (IAAC)
2. Budget Performance in respect of the financial period 2010-2011: Proposed transfers between sections
3. Support account for peacekeeping operations
4. Executive Meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

One hundred and fourth session

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Bureau meeting

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2885th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports and to Views under the Optional Protocol . . . . . [9]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2886th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [7]
2. Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports and to Views under the Optional Protocol *(closed)* . . . . . [9]

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
Third intersessional meeting

The third open-ended informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held *today*, 27 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). As this meeting is an informal one, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and major groups are invited to attend. Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* to consult the preliminary list of side events.

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the third intersessional meeting in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal is available for delegations participating in the third intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 27 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 27 March 2012

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

9.45–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (informal meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Community of Latin American and Caribbean States: Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on humanitarian affairs segment 2012 of the Economic and Social Council)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Other activities

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Tuesday, 27 March 2012

Launch of the UNESCO *World Atlas of Gender Equality in Education* (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

From 9 to 10.15 a.m., at the Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam (771 United Nations Plaza).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Olivia Scaramuzza, UNESCO New York Office (e-mail o.scaramuzza@unesco.org); and for media inquiries, Ms. Suzanne Bilello (e-mail bilello@un.org).]

UNITAR seminar on "Outlook for the 2012 NPT Preparatory Committee" (organized in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Australia and Egypt)

From 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Egypt (304 East 44th Street).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Women's International Forum on "From the current crises to possible futures" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

Panel discussion on "The freedom of expression and the Human Rights Committee's general comment No. 34 (CCPR/C/GC/34)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Kenya, the Netherlands and Uruguay)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roos Petersen, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail roos.petersen@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9609).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

Opening of an exhibit and cultural event

From 6 to 8.30 p.m., in the Main Gallery, Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat Building.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jan Arnesen, DPI (e-mail arnesen@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8531); or Ms. Maria Felisa Wichmann, DPI (e-mail wichmann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0089).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

11 a.m. . . . . Oxfam; Greenpeace International; International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC); and the Council of Canadians (on civil society coalitions reaction to Governments' progress at the Conference Rio+20 negotiations)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities
Briefing

The Ombudsperson of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, Ms. Kimberly Prost, will hold an open briefing for interested Member States, on Thursday, 29 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

At the briefing, the Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office after twenty months of operation, and she will also describe the implementations of the new aspects of her mandate, which were strengthened, pursuant to the adoption of Security Council resolution 1989 (2011).

The Ombudsperson looks forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2012 substantive session

The 2012 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 April 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

An informal preparatory meeting for the thirteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

The draft format and draft agenda of the thirteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and is posted on the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs <www.un.org/Depts/los>.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus will also be posted on the Web site of the Division, as soon as available.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Annual ministerial review global preparatory meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold a global preparatory meeting for the annual ministerial review (AMR) at the high-level segment of its 2012 substantive session, on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The Council will hear a keynote address by Professor Erik Brynjolfsson, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, followed by a presentation by Mr. José Antonio Alonso, member of the Committee on Development Policy, and Director, Complutense Institute of Foreign Studies (ICEI), and Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University of Madrid.

There will also be a panel discussion on "Promoting the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact". Panellists will include Mr. Aurelio Parisotto, Senior Economist, Policy Integration Department, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations, New York; Ms. Eve Crowley, Deputy Director, Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Mr. Degol Hailu, Senior Adviser, Poverty Practice, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Pio Wennubst, on behalf of the Chair, will be held on Wednesday 28 March 2012, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). The consultations will begin with a presentation of the Chair's draft resolution on the special theme of the forty-fifth session, followed by an orientation on the organization of the negotiation process. The floor will be open for general comments from delegates on these matters.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 18 April 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 2 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

The general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: adolescents and youth), will be held from Monday, 23, to Wednesday, 25 April 2012. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)), as of *Monday, 26 March*. In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *7 minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *10 minutes*. For general distribution of statements, delegations are requested to bring 200 copies to the conference officers in the room. A minimum of 30 copies is required for distribution to the interpreters, précis writers and the podium.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-sixth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Informal consultations

Open-ended informal consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Peter Woolcott, Chair-designate of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, will take place on Wednesday, 28 March 2012, in Conference Room B (NLB), with

representatives of the States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as follows:

Group of Non-Aligned States parties (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) (*at the ambassadorial level*);

Group of Western European and other States parties (from *3.30* to 4.30 p.m.); and

Group of Eastern European States parties (from 4.30 to 6 p.m.).

The consultations are open to all States parties. For further information, please contact Ms. Claire Elias, Permanent Mission of Australia (e-mail claire.elias@dfat.gov.au; tel. 1 (212) 351-6622); or Mr. Michael Spies, Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail spiesm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3472).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Thursday, 29 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia: Working Group 4 (under the chairmanship of Egypt)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (eleventh plenary meeting) (under the chairmanship of the United Arab Emirates)

Thursday, 29 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 1 (NLB)*.

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

Screening of the film "Slavery by another name: The re-enslavement of black people in America from the Civil War to World War II"

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 6.30 to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Geraldine Harris Adams, DPI (e-mail adamsg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6981).]

Global student videoconference

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

Informational event on "The Dublin Outcome Document on the Strengthening of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Body System (November 2011)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Ireland, Morocco, Poland, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland, with the participation of the New York Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, and in collaboration with the University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Orla McBreen, Permanent Mission of Ireland (e-mail orla.mcbreen@dfa.ie; tel. 1 (212) 421-6934).]

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Monday, 2, and Tuesday 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr.org).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Today, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 17 April 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Today, 27 March 2012;

Thursday, 29 March 2012;

Tuesday, 24 April 2012; and

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 11 April 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 18 April 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 *(French)*.

Introduction to Electronic Resources (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 12 April 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 19 April 2012.

RSS Feeds (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012.

Social Networking 101: A User Guide to the United Nations Library's Social Media Tools (from 10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 26 March 2012

Security Council

6740th meeting — *United Nations peacekeeping operations*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Susanna Malcorra, Under-Secretary-General for Field Support.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Hervé Ladsous and Ms. Susanna Malcorra.

6741st meeting — *Peace and security in Africa*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2012/7).

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

103rd plenary meeting — *Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/66/668/Add.8 and A/66/668/Add.9)* . . . . . [138]

The General Assembly took note that Cape Verde, the Gambia and Kyrgyzstan had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/66/668/Add.8 and A/66/668/Add.9).

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: Commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade . . . . . [119]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 119.

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly decided, without setting a precedent, to include in the commemorative meeting, a statement by Dr. Rick Kittles, Scientific Director of African Ancestry Incorporated, and some cultural presentations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African States), the Federated States of Micronesia (on behalf of the Asia Pacific States), Albania (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Grenada (on behalf of the Latin

American and Caribbean States), San Marino (on behalf of the Western European and Other States) and the United States (as host country).

Dr. Rick Kittles, Scientific Director of African Ancestry Incorporated, made a statement.

The representative of New Zealand made a statement.

The National Ballet of Cameroon presented a performance.

The General Assembly thus concluded the Commemorative Meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 119.

Corrigendum

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Corrigendum to the summary of the 17th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (see *Journal* No. 2012/48, page 16): The paragraph under "Draft decision E/CN.6/2012/L.1" *should read* as follows:

Draft decision E/CN.6/2012/L.1

The Commission was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

Andorra, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, the Niger, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

The Commission adopted the draft decision.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Cocoa Agreement, 2010. Geneva, 25 June 2010

Signature: Cameroon (26 March 2012)

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Notification regarding article 8 (6): Armenia (26 March 2012)[1]

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Accession: Serbia (26 March 2012)[1]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Accession: Serbia (26 March 2012)[1]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Nomination of conciliator under article 2 of Annex V and Nomination of arbitrators under article 2 of Annex VII to the Convention: Spain (26 March 2012)[1]

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